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Memorandum for: Deputy Director/Plans

Subject: Charitable Foundations

1. The House Republican Leadership has agreed to give approval to H. Res. 217 (copy attached), which establishes a special five-man House Committee to Investigate Tax Exempt Foundations with a special emphasis on determining which foundations are using their resources for un-American and subversive activities. In all probability the Committee will be chaired by Congressman Carroll Reece (R., Tenn.)

2. As far as can be determined, Mr. Reece does not intend to put out dragnet questionnaires to all foundations or to look into the activities of the major foundations as such. His primary intention is to investigate a very select few foundations in which there is some indication of use of funds for subversive activities. I believe that considerable attention will be directed at the Twentieth Century Fund and also at the tax exempt features of the League for Industrial Democracy.

3. A New York lawyer named Rene Wormser has tentatively been selected as counsel for this group, and I am asking I&S for clearance on Mr. Wormser in case it is necessary for us to contact him. We will have a direct pipeline to him if it is necessary to use it.

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